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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: Cech et al. Examiner: Unassigned Application No.: 08/846,017 Art Unit: 1815 Filed: April 25, 1997 PETITION TO EXTEND TIME UNDER 37 CFR §1.136(a) For: NOVEL TELOMERASE

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Applicant petitions the Assistant Commissioner of Patents to extend the time for response to the Notice to File Missing Parts, dated August 21, 1997 for one month, from October 21, 1997 to November 21, 1997. An appropriate response to the Office Action in the form of a Response to Notice of Missing Parts is enclosed herewith.

Please charge \$110, pursuant to 37 CFR §1.17, to the Deposit Account No. 20-1430. Please charge any additional fees or credit overpayment to the above Deposit Account. This Petition is submitted in triplicate.

Respectfully submitted,

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